

SAGSC Minutes
Southern Area General Service Committee
July 10, 2022

OPEN WITH SERENITY PRAYER

WELCOME NEW GSRs & DCMs

SECRETARY REPORT: CLAUDIA

Good afternoon, my name is Claudia, and I am an alcoholic and your Panel 71 SAGSC Secretary. First of all, I want to inform you, just like always, that this ZOOM portion of this meeting is being recorded only onto my computer so that I can review the reports and fill in the minutes. I will then delete the recording. I will also be audio recording this meeting also so that I can capture the reports that are live and also make extra sure that the minutes are thorough. Your anonymity is paramount, and all personal references will be kept out of the minutes and the recording will be deleted once the minutes are complete. I want to remind all of you who will be giving reports to get them to me in time to have them translated so that I can easily create our final minutes in both languages. If you forgot, you could forward them to me at the end of the meeting. I am a fast typist, but not fast enough to capture what you are saying from the "virtual podium" or real one when we get back together some day. Again, thank you for letting me be of service.

APPROVAL OF MAY 2022 MINUTES Vote **Aye**__Unanimous ____ **Nay** _____

GSR TRAINER: GLENN W

We opened at 12 and there were 5 GSRs in the meeting today. It is a small room so that it is okay. We reviewed the website and GSR Survival Guide and the guidelines. We closed with the responsibility pledge. I am available for question

DCM COORDINATOR: LISA T

We had 4 DCMs and 1 up and coming. Thank you District 21 for participating. Last time at the DCM meeting we talked about having a combined meeting with north and south. I felt that there was too much separation. We decided to have joint meetings for one unified Area 42. Last assembly there were concerns that there was not enough time for new GSRs and DCMs to understand what was going on with the agenda items. I spoke with Jake and Sophie and Julie C. and shared that information with them. We came up with a suggestion for the Spring assemblies only. We had a meeting last week to decide whether we were going to do this. It is up to the Area Chair to set the agenda. I gave her the ideas that we had, and I gave her some of mine. It's the way to unify and help them understand what we are doing.

SAGSC TREASURER: LIBBY

My name is Libby, and I am your alcoholic SAGSC Treasurer, and the Alternate Area 42 Treasurer. Well, it's time once again for my incredibly interesting and stimulating SAGSC bookkeeping report. As you probably already know this includes depositing your group checks, reconciling the banking to QuickBooks, writing checks and writing thrilling reports like this one. There are other little jobs as well but I'm going to keep this brief. Thank you everyone who has been sending in 7th tradition contributions. My only request is if you can ask your treasurers to add an email for receipts. I will continue to send receipts via snail mail, but email saves us money for 12th step work. If your group, district, workshop committee or standing committee would like my help in any way reach out to me and I'll be there. Thank you all for allowing me to serve and now I'll move on to my official financial reports. You should have gotten a Profit & Loss statement which would include the current bank balances and a Budget to Actual income and expenses.

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR: ROBERT

There were no Finance Committee Meetings held in May or June of 2022.

May and June 2022 - Reviewed the following documents for SAGSC

Checking and Saving accounts:

- Chase Bank Statements
- Bank Reconciliation Reports

- Statements of Activity for Checking and Saving
- Sales By Customer Details

No corrections or errors identified.

AREA OFFICER REPORTS:

DELEGATE: JULIE

Hi everyone! My name is Julie, I'm an alcoholic and currently serve as your Panel 71 Delegate! I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve you and for your trust.

I was able to attend the first ever NACYPAA (Nevada Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) in June in Las Vegas. It was a wonderful success! I am grateful to have been able to serve a short time on the advisory committee. I don't want to rain on Mike's parade, so I will leave the details to his report. I will say they did an amazing job and there was lots of love and support from YPAAs near and far!

Jake and I are meeting this week to prepare for our meetings with the Area Conference Committee chairs. You should be hearing from us very soon. We are hoping to schedule either a conference or video call with the chairs to go over the Trustee, Conference and Staff reports for your committees. These reports will appear in the final report that hopefully I will have for our fall assembly.

Here are some highlights from your General Service Office.

- The latest press release was outreach that "LGBTQ+ individuals find help and hope in Alcoholics Anonymous" where LGBTQ+ members share their stories of recovery and finding support and acceptance in A.A. meetings.

In English: [month's press release](#)

In Spanish: [En la nota de prensa de este mes](#)

- North/South Connections Virtual Special Forum — A.A. in Remote Communities

Saturday, July 16, 2022 – 8am-4pm PDT

Members from the service structures of Argentina, Canada, Chile and the United States will share their experience, strength and hope in extending the hand of A.A. to Remote Communities. Everyone is invited to our second North/South Connections.

- There is an update in Box 459 Newsletter entitled "A Fresh Edition of "A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic". Vera F, Panel 69 Delegate from Oregon, nontrustee director of the A.A.W.S. board and a member of the trustees' Literature Committee, leads a working group established by the trustees' committee to develop a new and more inclusive version of the pamphlet. Vera said "Many Black folks in A.A. are not a part of the service structure. Unlike YPAA and the LGBTQ community and some other groups, there's no regular forum or convention or event that we can tap into. So, a lot of our efforts have been put into some creative outreach to reach as many people as possible."

- STORY SOLICITATION

Fifth Edition of the Book Alcoholics Anonymous —Big Book

Deadline for submissions: October 31, 2022

Online submission: https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/5th_EditionBB_EN.pdf

Fourth Edition of the Big Book Alcohólicos Anónimos

Deadline for submissions: December 15, 2022

Email: 4LGHistorias@aa.org

Next year's General Service Conference, with its 2023 theme focused on our basic principles – "A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution."

I will be in Las Vegas for the LaVina 26th Anniversary later this month and am very much looking forward to experiencing using the translation equipment. It is always a great opportunity to walk in someone else's shoes for a while. Again, I don't want to step on our host committee's report, so I will leave the details to them.

Remember DCMs, these next few months are my final months as Delegate, I look forward to attending your districts, especially if you want a Delegate's report.

Thank you for allowing me to participate virtually. I have been privileged to go to all the SAGSC meetings during this panel and I will be forever grateful. Please have a wonderful summer and remember to be kind. I love you all.

ALT DELEGATE: JAKE

No report.

REGISTRAR: JONELLE

Hi everyone! My name is Jonelle, and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as your SAGSC Registrar/Alternate Area Registrar. If you are a new GSR – welcome! Please make sure to fill out the Group Change form. It is located on the Nevada Area 42 website at nevadaarea42.org. If you are a new DCM – welcome! Please fill out the DCM form, also located on our website. I am available to assist in any way I can... please email me at alternateregistrar@nevadaarea42.org. You can email your forms directly to Paul, our Area Registrar, at registrar@nevadaarea42.org. Because I am the Alternate, I do not have access to Fellowship Connect which is our fellowship's registration program with GSO – our General Service Office in New York. I do not say this out of pity, I say this because I think I should have access! It could make Paul's job a bit easier... but that's what I want and maybe if I got it, I wouldn't want it anymore! So...

We will be setting a date in the somewhat near future for opening online registration for our upcoming hybrid Area Assembly in September. I am in the process right now – upon the Finance Committee's approval - ordering more ribbons for our badges. We wanted to include some folks who may have been less included at the past few Assemblies... and get our Spanish Districts their ribbons in Spanish! I am humbly sitting on the Area Ad-Hoc committee that is tasked with whether we should be charging for registration for our Assemblies. You will receive a report back in September surrounding this issue. I am very excited about this for many reasons, especially because I am your Alternate Registrar... but I can't share those reasons with you today, so... Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do it with you!

ARCHIVIST: RONNIE D.

The Archives committee meets every Saturday morning at 9AM to 11AM here at Central Office. Caroline is still in the process of collating all the audio cassette bins for Area 42 by topic and area. This is a vital step prior to transcribing these to a digital format and allows the committee to schedule the digitizing by rank of importance to the Area/ Las Vegas Intergroup.

We have almost completed the bins for past Grapevines and La Vinas by year and they have been placed in a more or less are in the archives room. I have asked the Area 42 Grapevine Chair to provide Archives with the volume for 2021 to add to the index.

The committee has organized the Gratitude Ball file and we have very little information from the years 2004 to the present date. We as a committee would like to ask if anyone from past Gratitude Ball committees has any documents from these years to please bring them to Central Office so we may add them to the file.

Caroline, a past Area 42 Archivist has generously offered to instruct the members of the archives committee how to digitize the audio cassette files to a hard drive at her home when she gets back from her holiday in Colorado. This will be a huge benefit and will give us the information as to software and procedure for digitizing literally thousands of cassette tapes and make them available to the body.

Now we have 3 outstanding archives requests that we are working on at this time. I will need to get with Mark B. to move some of the packed away picture boxes as they are on the top shelves of the room.

I have a personal project I am working on as research. Ruth J. has several letters and requests from GSO over the years and I have been collecting them as they present themselves to place in her file and possibly make a file available on the area 42 website at a future date. If anyone has answered letters from GSO regardless of the topic I would love to get copies into our files. Letters of any kind bring the history of AA to life and benefit the fellowship.

AREA CHAIR: LISA

The Assembly in Tonopah is September 23,24,25. Please make sure you have the correct dates and have corrected your room reservations as the original dates announced at the spring assembly have changed. Alfredo our newsletter editor is looking for submissions of workshops and other events happening in Area 42. We have heard the feedback from last assembly and thank you for your thoughts.

TRANSLATION: DIANA OR TONY

Hello, my name is Tony, and I am an alcoholic. I am honored to be your Translation and Interpretation Committee Chair. First, I want to thank Diana, Dina for translating the reports before I even got to see them. Diana is not with us today because she underwent a minor procedure. Prayers for her speedy recovery. Just a quick reminder to send in your reports to the Secretary so she can forward it to us to be translated into English and then into Spanish.

We cancelled the past meeting because we had no new business. We meet every 3rd Thursday of the Month. We have been busy translating all your reports. We have been invited to translate at the Las Vegas Round up. It will probably be approved at our next meeting on the 21st. We only ask all of you to send in your reports as soon as you can because we don't want to rush through them and miss something, especially for the upcoming SAGSC Election. Our Spanish District 21 is so appreciative that they are receiving all the information from the area and SAGSC. They are working with us and would like our area to be a part of theirs. They are having an International La Vina Convention on July 22,23,24, and are looking forward to seeing us at their convention. I will be attending on the 23rd and hopefully the 22nd.

I want to again ask anyone that would like to work with us and help us get all reports translated in a timely manner, to please see Dina or Diana after the meeting. We need your cooperation to achieve our goals to include the Spanish districts. You don't have to be bilingual to help us.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

GRAPEVINE: JASON M (Not in attendance)

No Report

CPC (COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY): ROBIN/CHRIS

My name is Chris, I am an Alcoholic and this month I am representing Robin, the SAGSC CPC Committee Chair. I am Robin's Co-Chair. There isn't much that has changed since Robin's report.

We continue to work with our community partners: Homeless Alliance and Prevention, Advocacy, Choices, Teamwork (PACT Coalition). These agencies have events in various communities, we can put up a table and speak to attendees about AA and pass out literature.

As reported last month, we are organizing a CPC Strategic Planning Meeting for the upcoming year. The meeting will be held sometime in September. Our goal for 2023 is to target certain professions in alcoholism recovery such as Social Workers, Parole Officers, Human Resources Specialists, etc. where potential exists for relationships-building with AA. We believe that our involvement with our community partners, Homeless Alliance and Prevention, PACT Coalition, etc. will provide avenues to these recovery professionals.

Committee members continue to participate in CPC North America that meets quarterly. These meetings offer ideas on what other parts of the country are doing to bring the AA message to other parts of the country.

We are looking for a Group Secretary and we continue to look for more volunteers. Please come to our meetings and see what we are all about and share any ideas you may have. We meet on the 2nd Monday of every month at 4:30 both in person at Central Office and on Zoom ID: 889 0735 7523, Passcode Serenity.

R. PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION): JOHN H (Not in Attendance)

No Report

ACCESSIBILITIES: CYNTHIA H (Not in Attendance)

No Report

COMMITTEE LIAISONS

H&I (HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS): ANDREW (CORRECTIONS)

My name is Andrew, and I am an Alcoholic. I am your H&I liaison. H&I is alive and well. We have recently seen an increase in contributions. We currently have 13 facilities that have active panels. We have recently added Landmark Recovery Center and the number of panels is growing fast.

On the corrections side, we have 6 active panels in the jails. We now have a men's and women's zoom meeting in NLV CCC. Currently NDOC is dark. However, we have been advised that NDOC is getting ready to open soon. We now are supplying Ely with literature.

If you know of any of our fellows who would like to carry the message to those who are in the jails and prisons, they would have to fill out an application and have a background check. NDOC also requires an orientation and a double TB test.

I have available the minutes and treasurer's report from our latest meeting. If you need info or have questions about H&I,

please contact me.

LAS VEGAS INTERGROUP LIAISON: CAROLINE (Read by Claudia B)

Las Vegas Intergroup met on June 13th, and will meet again, live at Central Office, on July 11th – the day after SAGSC.

Central Office

- If you would like to purchase books, please call before you come to the office. Many books are backordered at GSO.
- Please help keep the meeting schedule up to date. Let's remember the newcomer and make it easy for them to find us! www.LVCentralOffice.org
- Hotline shifts are available Wednesday and Friday from noon- 4pm. Backups are always needed (M-F 8-4).
- Speaking of the hotline, there are many service positions available. Please call Central Office for more information.
- Office hours are extended to include Saturdays from 9 am-1 pm. Please spread the word! The Saturday office phone number is 702-780-4293.
- Looking for a place to hold a meeting? Check out Central Office!

Board of Directors

- The Treasurer announced that as of May 31st, Intergroup has a year-to-date net profit of \$605. There have been excess expenses due to an extra pay period in one-month, large literature purchases, and an advance to the Gratitude Ball. All is well. **Big thank you to all who contribute.**
- The Board of Directors has 2 openings. Ideally, they would like someone with a legal or accounting background. (Jail time and embezzlement experience don't count!) If you have 5 years of continuous sobriety, a homegroup, and are willing to serve for 3 years, please send your service, non-profit, and business resume to Judypap@lvcentraloffice.org or PGclass94@gmail.com or mail it to the address at the bottom of the page.

Founders Day was a lot of fun. The Committee will probably announce at this month's Intergroup meeting how much was raised for Central Office. Stay tuned!

Men's Night Out occurred on June 25th at the Tuscany. Hopefully, they had a successful event, too!

The **Gratitude Ball** is set for October 8th from 4 – 11 at the Palace Station. The goal is 500 guests. If you're interested in a Staycation, the committee has 10 discounted rooms at the Palace Station. If you would like to join the committee, it meets on the first Monday of the month at 6pm at Central Office. You can purchase tickets at www.GratitudeBall.com

The **Silver Streak** (the Central Office newsletter) is always looking for articles on the Steps, Traditions, **Meeting in the Spotlight**, committee meetings, any information of use to our fellowship. 350 words is a good article length. Please send in your articles by the 25th of the month. **Thank you, Michael L, for joining the Silver Streak as Co-Editor! Michael will become the Editor when Dave rotates out at the end of the year. Thank you, both!**

After a presentation by the Las Vegas Roundup Chair and discussion, the Intergroup body voted to have a voice in the Roundup by asking our Intergroup Chair, or designee, to serve on the Roundup Board. The Roundup meets at 1pm on the last Sunday of the month at the TIE Club. All are welcome!

Since we are so unified in Clark County, Phillip, our **Unity** Chair, is bored. He is looking for REAL actors to star in a Traditions play at the Las Vegas Roundup over Thanksgiving weekend. To audition, please contact Phillip at 702-482-2501 or PhillipRHartsoe@gmail.com.

Please talk to your homegroup about the importance of sending a representative to the monthly Intergroup meetings. This is where your group's voice is needed on issues affecting Intergroup and Central Office in Southern Nevada. It's an easy service commitment -- 1 or 2 years, 1 meeting per month, report back to your group about the latest happenings.

LVYPAA LIAISON: MIKE (Given by Samantha) (She will send it to me)

Hello, my name is Samantha, and I am an alcoholic. I am also the current chair of the advisory board for NACYPAA, which is

the Nevada Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. We just recently had our very first ever conference, which was held on June 24th-26 at the Plaza Hotel. There were over 200 of people in attendance and through the process of NACYPAA forming two more YPAA committees have been formed. The hand off YPAA reached out and NACYPAA was there, one was formed in Elko and one in Carson City. With prospects of one forming in Mesquite. The next NACYPAA will held in Reno Nevada, dates are still TBD. With the forming of ELKYPAA, and CACYPAA, both service committees will be bidding on NACYPAA 3!!! Reno will be having their elections for their host committee on August 7th at 12:00 pm at the Reno triangle club (I have fliers if needed). NACYPAA host Las Vegas has their last meeting to disband next weekend and will be holding elections for the Las Vegas Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous service committee, on August 7th at 1:30 here at central office. If you have any questions about anything YPAA or know anyone that may need any information or want to get involved, please give them my number 916-849-6428 and thank you for letting me of service.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: ALFREDO

I am Alfredo your Area 42 Newsletter Editor. If you have any articles, district meeting changes, or event flyers, please email them to me at area_newsletter_editor@nevadeara42.org. The next deadline for the summer newsletter is July 20. Thank you for letting me be of service.

LA VINA REPORT ON UPCOMING CONFERENCE

My name is Marisol, and I am an alcoholic. La Vina's event is around the corner, July 22, 23 and 24th. If you haven't gotten your registration completed, you can do it online at www.lavina26.com and you can get your banquet and registration there or you can get them at the door also. I am the treasurer for the event, for the Area 42 and I feel very privileged that we get to have it here. We are hoping to see our English friends at the event for the sake of unity and supporting us. We have programs in Spanish and English. The delegate will be there, Julie C. She will be participating in the opening of the event and on Saturday. There will be programs in the packet with a Lavinia. The Editor of LaVine will be coming from New York and we will have a trustee. It will be a very big event and there will be Spanish music and you are welcome to come up and practice. Please come and join us.

DCM REPORTS:

DISTRICT 1: MARTY

Good afternoon, my name is Marty and I have the privilege of serving as the DCM for District One. Our treasurer, Lou P, recently revised our guidelines to bring them up to date and they were unanimously approved at our June meeting. We continue to meet in Boulder City and discussed the increasing costs of driving. A motion was made, discussed, and approved to help those with gas expenses who have long distances to cover. It was agreed that we need to find a more centralized location for the meeting to encourage more participation. We held our July meeting here this morning and discussed the next workshop in August and the topic will be Carrying the Message of AA in 2022. There will be a flyer sent out soon and there are flyers up here for our picnic. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

DISTRICT 3: ANDRE

My name is Andre, and I am an alcoholic. We had a district meeting last Sunday and really nothing was discussed because of lack of membership and participation. Still trying to reach out to the groups in the district.

DISTRICT 5B: ASHLEY (Given by Samantha)

Good afternoon, my name is Sam, and I am an Alcoholic. I am your Alt DCM for District 5b, sitting in for our DCM Ashley. She would love to be here today; however, she is spending time with her nieces before they head home. We had our district workshop yesterday at choices fellowship and it went amazing, the topic was Unity love and Service, and it was full of just that. We would like to give a special thank you to our workshop chair Pam and her Co chair Heather for going above and beyond to make everything perfect! And thank you to everyone who joined us and those that helped. We also held our first monthly Service manual study meeting last month, and it was great, everyone learned new things about general service, and we are excited for our next meeting!! The meeting will be held the third Saturday of the month at 10am on Zoom. Meeting ID: 911 603 2610 and Passcode: Service, we would love for you to come and join us. Our monthly district meeting is held the 2nd Saturday of the month at choices fellowship at 1:15pm. I would also like to announce that thanks to a new member, we decided at our district to start the first 15 minutes of every district meeting teaching our new GSRs about General Service! Special thanks to Andrew for the idea. I am so very grateful for the members in our district, they show up and show out every month and I couldn't be more blessed to be a part of it. Please let me

know if you have any questions about our meeting, and thank you for allowing me to be of service

DISTRICT 7: BROOKE

My name is Brooke B, alcoholic, and I am the DCM for District 7. We had our 2nd workshop on the concepts in June. Thank you, Lisa, and Dano for sharing your experience on the concepts. We continue to get GSR's connect with the district. Our annual Mt. Charleston Picnic is on August 14th, tickets are now on sale. Please see Julie H if your homegroup would like to volunteer. We meet at the Meeting Space in Room 103 at 7:15pm every 3rd Friday of the month. Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

DISTRICT 9: DANO B.

Due to uncontrollable circumstances at work and home. i have been crawling by on my DCM duties. We have been functioning but quiet. In addition, we are one step closer to establishing an AA meeting on the Las Vegas strip. Possibly on an MGM property.

Other than that, we are prepping for Tonopah and carrying the message.

DISTRICT 11:

No Report

DISTRICT 13:

No Report

DISTRICT 15: THERESA

Hi, I'm Theresa an alcoholic. I'm the DCM for District 15. On July 24th we are having an event coming up at the TIE club. It's called the Beat the Heat Ice Cream Social. On Sunday there will be ice cream cones, banana splits, root beer floats, and much more. The event starts at 12:30pm until 4:30. Our speakers are Blind Mike, EC from Claim Shots, and Michael from District 7. Everyone please comes and support District 15 and have fun with us. We will see you in Tonopah.

DISTRICT 17: FOXX

Hi, I am Foxx your alcoholic DCM For district 17. All is well in Pahrump the meetings are going strong. I don't know if it because of hot weather or what people going and coming and leaving a avoid. Alternates and just plain good friends from each group bringing the reports to District. I see how important it is to work to keep the district strong. I have a lot of challenges but it's not about me it's about us district 17. Thank you and my alternative DCM John M.

DISTRICT 19: JIM

Still having in-person in Ely. Still having Weekend Warrior. Working on Camp-Nic. Look for info on Ely website. Campsites are available. Anne D. is speaker. July 22-24.

DISTRICT 21: FRANCISCO

Hello, my name is Francisco, and I am an alcoholic. The district 21 DCM for area 42. Thank you for this meeting where we find out what is going on in our area, our home groups, and the general service office in New York. As trusted servants we will not only be informing you, but we will be informed about our AA groups. In our District 21, we continue to meet on Thursdays each week. We are doing workshops on Traditions by visiting one homegroup for a week. We make reports every Wednesday about our visits to the groups. In addition, at our Spanish Office we study traditions and concepts. Our committees continue to work at their capacity. We had our 20th local forum, and it was a very nice experience. We will be creating our memories of that forum. There are two weeks away from the 26th anniversary of LaViña and we hope that you all can attend. We will soon have details about the assembly in Tonopah. Have a happy 24 hours.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

ALL OLD BUSINESS HANDLED AT LAST MEETING

IS THERE ANY NEW BUSINESS? No New Business

THANK YOU, DISTRICT 7, FOR HOSTING...Who would like to bring them in November. District 17.

CLOSE WITH RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION